

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously presented) In a laundry dryer having a rotatable drum with a filling orifice issuing into the drum and a door for closing the filling orifice, a drying rack comprising:

at least two air-permeable surfaces holding in a stationary manner within the drum a batch of laundry to be dried:

being disposed at a distance one above another in an operating state thereof; and

having a front side defining an access orifice and a side defining at least one further access orifice; and

fastening devices removably fastening said surfaces to the laundry dryer.

2. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 1, wherein said surfaces are releasably connected to said drying rack.

3. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 1, wherein said surfaces are releasably connected to said fastening devices.

4. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said surfaces is connected in an articulated manner to another of said surfaces.

5. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said surfaces is pivotably connected to another of said surfaces.

6. (Presently amended) The drying rack according to claim 4, wherein: In a laundry dryer having a rotatable drum with a filling orifice issuing into the drum and a door for closing the filling orifice, a drying rack comprising:

at least two air-permeable surfaces holding in a stationary manner within the drum a batch of laundry to be dried:

being disposed at a distance one above another in an operating state thereof; and

having a front side defining an access orifice and a side defining at least one further access orifice;

fastening devices removably fastening said surfaces to the laundry dryer.

wherein at least one of said surfaces is connected in an articulated manner to another of said surfaces;

said articulated surface has supports;

at least one of said surfaces has first receptacles for receiving a device;

and

at least one removable air-permeable surface is received in said first receptacles and has second receptacles for receiving said supports.

7. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 6, further comprising intermediate members respectively connecting at least one of said surfaces in an articulated manner to said articulated surface.

8. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 1, further comprising connecting members, said surfaces having corners, said connecting members holding said surfaces at a distance from one another at said corners.

9. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 8, wherein said surfaces have a given thickness and said connecting members have a thickness greater than or equal to said given thickness and less than three times said given thickness.

10. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 1, wherein said surfaces have an air-permeable fine-mesh and flexible plastic nettings each with a surrounding plastic frame.

11. (Presently amended) ~~The drying rack according to claim 1, further comprising In a laundry dryer having a rotatable drum with a filling orifice issuing into the drum and a door for closing the filling orifice, a drying rack comprising:~~

~~at least two air-permeable surfaces holding in a stationary manner within the drum a batch of laundry to be dried:~~

~~being disposed at a distance one above another in an operating state thereof; and~~

~~having a front side defining an access orifice and a side defining at least one further access orifice;~~

~~fastening devices removably fastening said surfaces to the laundry dryer; and~~

~~an air-permeable self-supporting outer casing forming a closed netting shape along a circumferential surface of the laundry drum, said outer casing being connected to said surfaces.~~

12. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 11, wherein said outer casing has an end face defining an access orifice closed by the door when the drying rack is inserted into the drum.

13. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 12, wherein said outer casing has a rear side and a netting-shaped closure at said rear side.

14. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 11, wherein said outer casing is of a wire netting.

15. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 11, wherein said outer casing has at least two parts connected to one another in an articulated manner.

16. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 11, wherein said outer casing has at least two parts pivotably connected to one another.

17. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 15, wherein said at least two parts completely enclose said surfaces in said operating state.

18. (Previously presented) A laundry dryer, comprising:
 - a rotatable drum with a filling orifice issuing into said drum, said drum having a front bearing plate with a loading orifice and plate fastening devices;
 - a door connected to said bearing plate for closing at least one of said filling orifice and said loading orifice; and
 - a drying rack having:
 - at least two air-permeable surfaces holding in a stationary manner within said drum a batch of laundry to be dried:
 - being disposed at a distance one above another in an operating state thereof; and
 - having a front side defining an access orifice and a side defining at least one further access orifice; and
 - rack fastening devices removably fastening said surfaces to said plate fastening devices and matching said plate fastening devices.

19. (Previously presented) A laundry dryer, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a rotatable drum with a filling orifice issuing into said drum, said drum:
 - being rotatably connected to said housing; and
 - having a front bearing plate with a loading orifice and plate fastening devices;
 - a door connected to said housing for closing at least one of said filling orifice and said loading orifice; and
 - a drying rack having:
 - at least two air-permeable surfaces holding in a stationary manner within said drum a batch of laundry to be dried:
 - being disposed at a distance one above another in an operating state thereof; and
 - having a front side defining an access orifice and a side defining at least one further access orifice; and
 - rack fastening devices removably fastening said surfaces to said plate fastening devices and corresponding with said plate fastening devices.

20. (Previously presented) A laundry dryer drying rack, comprising:
at least two air-permeable surfaces for holding in a stationary manner a
batch of laundry to be dried within a rotatable drum of a laundry dryer, said surfaces:
being disposed at a distance one above another in an operating
state thereof; and
having a front side defining an access orifice and a side defining at
least one further access orifice; and
fastening devices for removably fastening said surfaces to the laundry
dryer.

21. (Previously presented) A laundry dryer drying rack, comprising:
 - at least two air-permeable surfaces for holding in a stationary manner a batch of laundry to be dried within a rotatable drum of a laundry dryer, said surfaces:
 - being disposed at a distance one above another in an operating state thereof; and
 - having a front side defining an access orifice and a side defining at least one further access orifice;
 - at least one of said surfaces being connected in an articulated manner to another of said surfaces;
 - fastening devices for removably fastening said surfaces to the laundry dryer; and
 - an air-permeable self-supporting outer casing forming a closed netting shape along a circumferential surface corresponding to the laundry drum, said outer casing being connected to said surfaces.